Records problems of Clerks of Court and Registers of Wills, referred by the Comptroller	30
Microfilm images exposed by the staff and inspected	
(35mm)	30,000
Microfilm images received and inspected (35mm)	660,000
Microfilm images exposed and inspected (16mm)*3	3,068,604
Microfilm reels developed (3,000 images per reel)	1,323
Kalvar reels duplicated and packaged (1,500 images	
per reel)	8,048
Cash receipts for waste paper\$	1,543.72

<sup>\*1,130,566</sup> of the 3,068,604 microfilm images exposed and inspected represent patients' medical records filmed as a special project for the University of Maryland Hospital. These records were filmed under our supervision at the Annapolis Record Center, however, the Hospital provided the necessary funds for personnel, microfilm, and rental equipment.

## COMMISSIONER OF LAND PATENTS

Fiscal year 1969 marked the second full year that the Hall of Records has continued the work which it inherited from the now abolished Commissioner of the Land Office. This work consists of servicing the old records, the receiving and recording of all documents in the patenting-of-land procedures, the reception and indexing of plats of subdivisions from the counties, and the recording of papers having to do with the extension of boundaries of municipalities or other charter amendments. Except for the patenting procedures the rest of the work is archival.

There were 1,737 subdivision plats received and filed. There were (Art. 23A, Sections 17A and 19, Annotated Code, 1957, 1969 Cumulative Supplement) 366 charter amendments received and filed.

The land patenting procedure is something else again and in dealing with it the Archivist puts on his second hat and becomes Commissioner of Land Patents. For caveat hearings he is assisted by Richard Rice, Assistant Attorney General, who passes on the admissibility of evidence and writes the opinion. Mr. Skordas becomes clerk of the court, swearing the witnesses and docketing exhibits. Sylvia A.